

## I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A catalyst particle comprising an active metal and a carrier composed of a carbon material, wherein said active metal is supported by cavities having an average diameter of 0.5 to 5 nm formed on a surface of said carrier and their edge portions, and wherein said carrier has an average particle size of 0.01 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 2. (Original) The catalyst particle according to claim 1, wherein said carrier comprises a mesophase carbon.

Claim 3. (Original) The catalyst particle according to claim 1, wherein said carrier comprises at least one carbon material selected from the group consisting of cup-stacked-type carbon, carbon nanotubes, carbon nanofibers and carbon nanohorns.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The catalyst particle according to claim 1, wherein said carrier comprises an activated carbon having a high cavity density and a [[large]] surface area of 80 to 3000  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ .

Claim 5. (Canceled) ~~The catalyst particle according to claim 1, wherein said cavities have an average diameter of 0.5 to 5 nm.~~

Claim 6. (Original) The catalyst particle according to claim 1, wherein said active metal comprises Ru, Pt or an alloy thereof.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]] A method for dehydrogenation of alcohol comprising contacting the catalyst particle according to claim 1, wherein said catalyst particle is used for the dehydrogenation of alcohols with an alcohol.~~